

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA

24 DAYS – MOTORCOACH

If you haven't seen the "Deep South", you've been missing something very special!

Experience a grand circle tour that journeys south through 11 American states and features Texas, Louisiana and the Black Hills of South Dakota. Cities highlighted include Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston, Lafayette, New Orleans and Memphis. Re-live the grandeur and experience the unique attractions of "The Old South".

DEPARTURE:

DAY 1: Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m., Fort Macleod 2:00 p.m., Lethbridge 2:30 p.m., Medicine Hat 4:45 p.m.
DAY 2: Swift Current 8:00 a.m., Moose Jaw 10:15 a.m., Regina 10:45 a.m., Weyburn 12:45 p.m., Estevan 2:00 p.m.

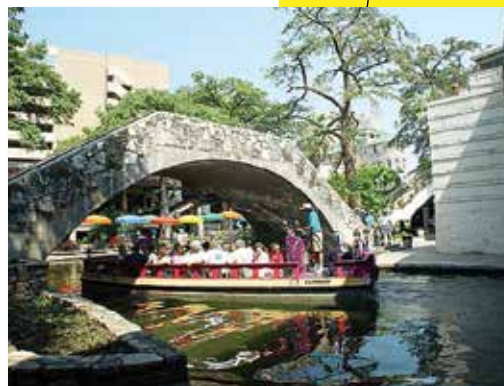
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- 1 **EDMONTON to CALGARY to SWIFT CURRENT:** *Monday.* Your *Journey to the Heartland of America* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer, Calgary to Lethbridge meeting additional travel companions enroute. A stop is made in Medicine Hat before crossing the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and arriving in Swift Current, Saskatchewan for overnight. Upon arrival join your fellow travellers at an informal WELCOME MEET and GREET.
- 1 2 **SWIFT CURRENT to MINOT:** *Tuesday.* Saskatchewan passengers join the tour as you travel through Moose Jaw, Regina, Weyburn and Estevan before crossing the Canadian/American border. Continue south through North Dakota to Minot.
- 2 3 **MINOT to WATERTOWN:** *Wednesday.* Travel to Fargo, enter South Dakota and overnight in Watertown. Enjoy an included PIZZA PARTY with your travel companions at the hotel.
- 3 4 **WATERTOWN to KANSAS CITY:** *Thursday.* Follow the picturesque Missouri River along the western border of Iowa to Kansas City, Missouri for overnight.
- 4 5 **KANSAS CITY to OKLAHOMA CITY:** *Friday.* Travel through Kansas and part of Oklahoma on your way to Oklahoma City.
- 5 6 **OKLAHOMA CITY to FORT WORTH:** (2 nights) *Saturday.* This morning we travel into Texas, the Lonestar State. Arrive in the dynamic Dallas/Fort Worth area known for millionaires and urban cowboys for a two-night stay. This afternoon stroll through the national historic district of the FORT WORTH STOCKYARDS. Discover the mystique of cattle drives, the early days of cowboys, livestock and meatpacking industries. Stay in the heart of Downtown Fort Worth at the Hampton Inn.
- 6 7 **FORT WORTH:** *Sunday.* Get ready to saddle up for a full morning exploring Dallas with your LOCAL GUIDE. You will visit the outstanding John F. Kennedy Memorial exhibit, "THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM". Later this afternoon, travel a short distance back to your Fort Worth hotel. You may want to return to the excitement of the stockyards on your own this evening.



Oak Alley Plantation.



San Antonio Riverwalk.

7 8 **FORT WORTH to SAN ANTONIO:** (2 nights) *Monday*. Leave the skyscrapers of Dallas behind and travel to San Antonio, a city which expresses the soul of Texas. Be our guest at the grand **Drury Plaza Riverwalk** located on the beautiful San Antonio Riverwalk.

8 9 **SAN ANTONIO:** *Tuesday*. Enjoy a **GUIDED TOUR** of one of America's most unique cities. Some options for the afternoon: shop at the Mexican market, visit the Alamo or perhaps view the Imax film presentation of the famous battle. The rest of the day is free to explore the **RIVERWALK**, San Antonio's shopping and entertainment center.

9 10 **SAN ANTONIO to CORPUS CHRISTI:** (2 nights) *Wednesday*. Today it's on to beautiful Corpus Christi on the Gulf of Mexico. You will see lots of crab boats here as crabbing is a major industry. Enjoy a **GUIDED TOUR** of Corpus Christi, where every day is a tropical fiesta with over 130 miles of beaches. Your lodging will be the beachfront **DoubleTree by Hilton**.

10 11 **CORPUS CHRISTI:** *Thursday*. You have a choice this morning to either enjoy a self-guided tour of the aircraft carrier **USS LEXINGTON** or visit the **TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM**. The afternoon is free to explore on your own.

11 12 **CORPUS CHRISTI to HOUSTON:** *Friday*. Today travel to Houston, the fourth largest city in the USA and the centre for space exploration, often referred to as "the closest thing to space on earth". Visit **SPACE CENTER HOUSTON** at Johnson Space Center.

12 13 **HOUSTON to LAFAYETTE:** *Saturday*. Welcome to Louisiana, a land of churning paddlewheelers, simmering gumbos and mysterious swamps. Travel to Lafayette, the heart of Cajun Country and the town immortalized in Longfellow's epic poem "Evangeline". Join your travelling companions on a sightseeing boat for an adventurous **SWAMP TOUR** through moss-draped trees. Your guide will take you into the interior of one of America's greatest river swamps pointing out the local indigenous plants and wildlife. Settle into your spacious suite with a kitchen at the **Homewood Suites by Hilton**.

13 14 **LAFAYETTE to NEW ORLEANS:** (3 nights) *Sunday*. Head to Avery Island for a **TABASCO FACTORY TOUR**, followed by a delightful experience of a **CAJUN MEAL**. Continue your travels through the state and visit beautiful **OAK ALLEY PLANTATION**. Arrive in New Orleans, the birthplace of Dixieland Jazz. Stay at the **Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter** located in the historic neighbourhood dubbed the "Crown Jewel of New Orleans".

14 15 **NEW ORLEANS:** *Monday*. A **CITY TOUR** details the landmarks, legends and architecture that made the "Crescent City" famous. In the afternoon enjoy a narrated cruise on the **STERNWHEELER STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ**. You will have an opportunity to explore the charm of the French Quarter's narrow streets, quaint courtyards and sidewalk cafes.

15 16 **NEW ORLEANS:** *Tuesday*. Enjoy a free day in the fabulous Crescent City. Will you explore the French Quarter? Book a cooking class at the New Orleans School of Cooking? Visit the unequalled National World War II Museum? Stroll along the Mississippi, stopping to pick up a coffee and beignets? There's so much for you to do, so choose carefully and enjoy New Orleans on your own.

16 17 **NEW ORLEANS to MEMPHIS:** (2 nights) *Wednesday*. Depart from the "Jazz Capital of the World" and pass through Mississippi, the "Birthplace of The Blues". Continue to Memphis, Tennessee, home of Graceland and "The Birthplace of Rock n' Roll". Your two -night stay is at **The Guest House at Graceland**, steps away from the iconic Graceland Mansion.



Fort Worth Stockyards cattle drive.

17 18 **MEMPHIS:** *Thursday*. Enjoy a **GUIDED CITY TOUR** that includes downtown Memphis, the Mississippi River, Cotton Row, Sun Studio, The Lorraine Motel and a stroll along Beale Street, famous for the blues. The highlight of this day is the **GRACELAND ELVIS EXPERIENCE TOUR**, including Graceland Mansion with audio guide.

18 19 **MEMPHIS to KANSAS CITY:** *Friday*. Depart Tennessee and head north to Kansas City, Missouri.

19 20 **KANSAS CITY to MITCHELL:** *Saturday*. Continue your travels northward into South Dakota to Sioux Falls and then west to Mitchell for overnight.

20 21 **MITCHELL to DEADWOOD:** *Sunday*. After a stop at the unique **WALL DRUGS** visit two of the world's greatest mountain carvings. **MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL** depicts four presidents' faces and is the world's largest mountain carving. It was sculpted from the granite of the Black Hills from 1929 to 1941. Then visit **CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL**, an ongoing sculpture being carved in tribute to the North American Indian. Continue to **DEADWOOD** to relive the history of Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane. Enjoy your time in a town that is reminiscent of the wild frontier and mining days. Overnight at **The Mineral Palace** in the heart of this historic town.

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Space Center Houston.

21 22 **DEADWOOD to WILLISTON:** *Monday*. Leave Deadwood mid-morning and travel through the lonesome plains of South Dakota. Enter North Dakota, continuing your travels through the North Dakota Badlands to Williston for overnight. Share tour memories tonight with your fellow travellers at a **HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER**.

22 23 **WILLISTON to MEDICINE HAT:** *Tuesday*. Depart Williston and travel northward to re-enter Canada. Bid farewell to your fellow travellers from Saskatchewan. Overnight in Medicine Hat on your last evening.

24 **MEDICINE HAT to CALGARY to EDMONTON:** *Wednesday*. Today is "Going Home" day with many memories of your travels through ten American states and two Canadian provinces.

DEPARTURE DATES 2025					
Alberta: March 3			Saskatchewan: March 4		
COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS					
		+GST			+GST
Triple:	\$6,119.00	\$18.30	Triple:	\$5,899.00	N/A
Twin:	\$7,289.00	\$21.79	Twin:	\$7,139.00	N/A
Single:	\$10,129.00	\$30.29	Single:	\$9,789.00	N/A
+GST ON CANADIAN PORTION					
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: twin sharing per person.					
Alberta \$146.00 pp			Saskatchewan \$143.00 pp		

INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Welcome Meet and Greet •Pizza Party •Fort Worth Stockyards •Guided Dallas tour •The Sixth Floor Museum •Guided San Antonio tour •Riverwalk •Guided Corpus Christi tour •USS Lexington or Texas State Aquarium •Space Center Houston •Swamp Tour •Tabasco Factory •Cajun Meal •Oak Alley Plantation •Guided New Orleans tour •Sternwheeler Steamboat Natchez •Guided Memphis Tour •Graceland Elvis Experience Tour •Wall Drugs •Mount Rushmore National Memorial •Crazy Horse Memorial •Deadwood •Farewell Dinner •Meals Include: Breakfasts: Alberta 16, Saskatchewan 14; 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners.

